

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Colorado River - Riparian

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Colorado River - Riparian		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds with total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) where available, groundwater contamination or point sources such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement for water conservation or irrigation efficiency using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable benefits to residue management, nutrient management, air quality management, invasive species management, pollinator habitat, and animal carcass management technology or pest management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the treatment that you intend to implement using EQIP result in energy conservation benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area, or, is the project designed for pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T", or, will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or, b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance; or, c. The applicant has never had and EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or an Archeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the riparian area at risk to degradation from a moderate storm event? (Use Proper Functioning Condition or Montana Riparian Assessment methods to determine risk of degradation and sustainability of the system)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the system sustainable - functions maintained after moderate storm event? (Use Proper Functioning Condition or Montana Riparian Assessment methods to determine risk of degradation and sustainability of the system)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the system not sustainable - functions often lost for long term due to even small storm events? (Use Proper Functioning Condition or Montana Riparian Assessment methods to determine risk of degradation and sustainability of the system)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the riparian area being treated, occupied habitat of a wildlife species that is categorized as Federal candidate, State candidate, or species of Special Concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Do the planned practices establish and maintain native vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the participant implement an Integrated Pest Management Plan on the contracted acres to address prevention and/or treatment of noxious weeds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Are there federal, state and/or local agencies or private organizations (do not include participant, NRCS or Conservation Districts) actively involved with application of this project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the proposal address energy conservation with the application of a Conservation Power Plant (practice code 716)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: